

CAROL LEVANGER: Hello, my name is Carol Levanger, and I work in the warehouse of Skyline Mine, Utah, Canyon Fuel. I am also a business owner in the town of Scofield. I am also on the town council of Scofield, so I'm kind of representing all three here in three minutes. I love some shirts that I've seen when I came in "I love clean air." I do love clean air. I love Scofield, and I love the clean air that we have up in Scofield around the coal mine and throughout the whole southeastern part of the state. What some of you might not know is that Scofield actually started coal mining in 1877. There were a few years where there were no active mines, but after talking to all the old-timers in the area, I believe that we can safely say Scofield has had 130 years of active mining in the area. Those mines have helped the town, have helped the citizens, have helped the environment and the area. I dare say that some people would say 130 years that place ought to be just a barren wasteland. It ought to be ugly. It would be looking like raped land. It does not. It is green. It is beautiful. There is hunting. There is camping. There is fishing. The stream that runs out of the mine -- well, it doesn't run out of the mine, but the mine water is deposited into it. It runs right behind my house, and my dogs play in it and children in town play in it. There are fish in the stream. The fish are healthy. And I apologize to anybody who doesn't believe in eating fish, but they taste good as well, and I haven't grown a third eyeball yet. Yeah. Good thing. Also, I've read the notice of intent for the EIS statement, and it does talk about taxpayer revenue, and I'm concerned about that especially as a business owner. Coal mines affect everybody, every business, and a lot of people have already touched on that, so I'm just going to hit on a different aspect of that, that any percent of zero is still zero. Okay. If the coal mines go out of business it doesn't matter what you raise the royalty rates to or the tax rates or anything else, it is still zero. What we need to do is we need to encourage growth in the coal mining industry. We need to be able to lower the royalty rates and to make the permitting process a little bit more manageable so that we encourage some more coal mines to go in. That will create jobs. That will create revenue. That will create tax revenue for everybody, for federal, state, local, and businesses. If I could just have two more seconds, the town of Scofield has benefited greatly from having the mine in the area. They have been a great corporate citizen, and we value their cooperation. Just a few things they have helped with is remodeling the schoolhouse, updating heat floors and asphalt,

resurfaced the town streets, revenue through the gray water contract for the town, cooperation in setting up the coal miners memorial, and support of the local 4th of July celebration. So, you know, we've got no problem here.